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a base station of defined geographic area for serving a set of said subscriber units, said area is subdivided into a plurality of zones, and receive only stations located in said zones for reception of transmissions from subscriber units located in the respective zones, and

facilities in said base station and subscriber units for handing off communications between zones when communicated signals deteriorate below a given threshold.

REMARKS

112 Rejections

The Examiner has, on page 2 of the present Office Action, rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has stated that in Claim 1, next to the last line, "...'said television broadcast signal' last antecedent basis." It is the belief of Applicant, that the Examiner intended to write that said television broadcast signal lacks antecedent basis, but instead inadvertently inserted the word "last" in place of the word "lacks". As such, Applicant has herein amended Claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion and Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for pointing out the discrepancy. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 1 and Claims 2-15 depending therefrom are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above-listed amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected Claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that all changes made to the specification have been made for purposes of clarity and to place the Application in good condition for allowance. Applicant wishes to apologize to the Examiner for any inconvenience caused by the changes to the specification.

Applicant notes the Examiner's renumbering of the Claims such that only one claim is numbered as Claim 29. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the renumbering of the Claims and wishes to apologize for any inconvenience which the misnumbering may have caused the Examiner.

Applicant further acknowledges that Claims 21-27 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 1 has been amended in accordance with the Examiners comments. As a result, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 2-15 no longer inherit any deficiencies from independent Claim 1 on which they depend. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-15 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 16, 17, 28, 29, 31, and 32 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus, any discussion of the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is now moot.

Claims 18, 19 and 20 have been canceled and rewritten in independent form as claims 35, 36, and 37 including all of the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 35-37 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 30 and 33 have been canceled and rewritten in independent form as claims 38 and 39 including all of the limitations of their base claims and any

intervening claims. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 38 and 39 are in condition for allowance.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that all Claims remaining in the present Application Claims 1-15, 34, and 35-39 are in condition for allowance and an early allowance would be appreciated.

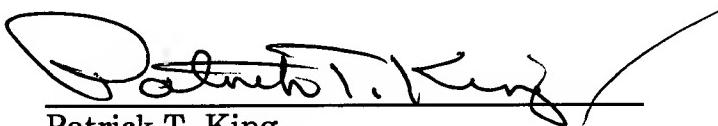
If a telephone call would expedite prosecution of the present Application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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